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SHARE OF POWER FROM PARBATI HYDRO PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from Government ofRajasthan to maintain State`s share of power as per MOU dated October 20, 1992 round the year;

(b) whether sharing of power from Parbati H.E. Project by Himachal Pradesh is 12%plus 15% unallocated power, Haryana 25%, Rajasthan 40% and Delhi 8% as enshrined in the MOU;

(c) if so, whether during discussion on this project at Chandigarh on September 16, 1998 it was decided that execution of this project is likely to be handed over to NHPC and share of States has to be kept as enshrined in the MOU;

(d) if so, whether the Government have taken note of unilateral signing of fresh MOUby Himachal Pradesh with NHPC on November 20, 1998 for execution of this project but it did not include share of power of the four States enshrined in the MOU;

(e) if so, whether the Government have directed the Government of HimachalPradesh to incorporate percentage of share of power amongst four States as enshrined in the said MOU; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (f) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) drawn amongst States ofRajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and National Capital Territory of Delhi on 20.10.1992 for investigation and execution of Parbati hydro-electric Project (2051 MW) located in Himachal Pradesh envisaged the equity contribution as under :

(i) Rajasthan : 40%

(ii) Haryana : 25%

(iii) Gujarat : 15%

(iv) Delhi : 15%

(v) Himachal Pradesh : 5%

The MOU also provided that 12 per cent of energy generated from theproject shall be given to Himachal Pradesh free of cost and the remaining 88 per cent of energy generated from the project shall be apportioned amongst the States, including Himachal Pradesh in the ratio of their equity participation. The MOU could not beeffected as Himachal Pradesh desired its contribution vis-Ã -vis benefitsf be raised from 5% to 25% by effecting reduction in the share of other partner States.

Subsequently, Himachal Pradesh decided to execute Parbati HE Project asa Central Sector project through NHPC.Accordingly a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of Himachal Pradesh and NHPC on 20.11.1998 forexecution of the project.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh had clarified to other Statesincluding Rajasthan that the MOU of 1992 stood automatically

abrogated consequent upon a fresh MOU having been signed.

The sharing of allocated benefits from the project amongst the States/Union Territory in the Northern Region would be in keeping with the sharing formula applicable for Central Sector hydro stations.